



HAMILTON COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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LEPC Meeting, March 10, 2004

A meeting of the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held on March 10, 2004 at the Hamilton County Emergency Operations Center, 3300-A, Amnicola Highway, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Those in attendance were:

Bruce Garner, Chatt. FD, First V/Chairman
Bill Tittle, Chief, Emer. Mgmt. V/Chairman
Randall Ricketts, Health Dept. V/Chairman
Wayne Stuntz, Emer. Mgmt, Secretary
Dane Creel, Craft Foods, V/Chair
Tim Arnold, TN State Guard
Shirley Green, CARTA
Nancy Marshall, CARTA
James Polly, Military Dept., TN
Mike Beavers, TVA-SQN
James Seay, Norfolk Southern Railroad
Tim Nance, DPC Enterprises
R.C. Hoff, CHC RPA (Visitor)
Brian Lopez-Cepero, Self
Michael James, Marion Environmental
Caleb Womack, Chattem Chemical
Chris Young, Chatt. Gas Co.
Gerald Clayton, Invista-Dupont
Robin Taylor, Plantation Pipe Line
Girish Patel, ALCO Chemical
Bobby Hudson, TN Security (Visitor)
Charles Crowley, TN Security (Visitor)

Paul Cahill, SOFIX Corp.
Mike Poe, SOFIX Corp.
Cecilia McElroy, Tri State Gov. Serv.
Troy Duncan, Tri State Gov. Serv.
Jim Wigley, Hamilton Co.
Fred Fuson, Hamilton Co. Rangers
Roger Forgey, Erlanger Hospital
Charles Goodner, RACES
Caroline Williams, LWV
Mikeal Cox, HEPACO, Inc.
Tim McDonald, City of Chattanooga
Buddy Kamin, Hamilton Co. Emer. Serv.
David Darnell, BASF
John Bennett, JIT Terminal
Jason Freeman, DYNEGY
Amy Maxwell, Hamilton Co. Emer. Svcs
Jack Gray, SYN AIR Corp.
Dusty Rominger, W.R. Grace
Mike Edwards, McKee Foods
Larry Martin, McKee Foods
Mark Hogan, ALSTOM Power

Meeting Called to Order:

Chairperson, Ms Jamie Farrow was not able to attend this meeting. First Vice Chairman, Mr. Bruce Garner presided and called the meeting to order at 10:35. He welcomed all in attendance.

Old Business:

- Minutes of LEPC meeting for January 14, 2004 were approved as written.
- Financial report was presented by LEPC Secretary and was approved as written.

New Business:

- Acting Chairman introduced Dr. Gregory Sedrick, Director of the New Economy Institute (NEI) who addressed the Committee concerning:
 - NEI, as part of Home Land Security (HLS), trying to set up a training institute in Chattanooga, TN.
 - working with the Chattanooga Fire Dept. in hopes of getting some very specialized Thermal Imaging System equipment for each of the CFD vehicles through a HLS Grant; otherwise difficult to get through normal channels.
 - the application of this equipment : to be able to locate the source of a fire, determine that the fire is out, determine if anyone was left behind and the ability to quickly get to anyone who might be in a hazardous situation.
 - the need for industry to understand and support the CFD's need for this equipment (thus benefiting industry) by writing letters of support to NEI in favor of the CFD receiving the Grant.

Guest Speaker:

Acting Chairman, Bruce Garner said he was honored to introduce Sgt Allen Franks of the Chattanooga Police Dept. who was the Guest Speaker for the meeting.

- Sgt. Franks, a member of the CPD's Intelligence Division made an excellent presentation to the Committee regarding a generalization of terrorist threats to our community, and
- on the on-going coordinated efforts of the Police Department interfacing with State and Federal officials of the Joint Terrorism Task Force in an effort to protect the City of Chattanooga.
- Sgt. Franks said he would be glad to visit any facility in Chattanooga to talk about their security measures and offered his office phone number, which is (423) 698-9559.

Following Sgt Franks presentation, Mr. Garner asked Emergency Management Chief, Bill Tittle, to offer a brief review of the improvements made in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- Chief Tittle offered that review, and also introduced Mr. Greg Butler from Hamilton County GIS who provided an audio-visual demonstration of maps and other GIS information that could be viewed in the EOC.

Next Meeting:

- After that presentation, Mr. Garner wrapped up the session, saying the date and location for the next meeting would be announced later by Mr. Stuntz.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned and the membership was treated to lunch, courtesy of the Hamilton County LEPC.

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne Stuntz
LEPC Secretary